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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney
Docket SEA-18

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MARKETING COTTON, the specification of which

(check one) ___ is attached hereto.

X was filed on July 27, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/917,186 and with amendments through
_____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States non-provisional application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the matter provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR UNITED STATES NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)	STATUS (pending, patented, abandoned)
NONE		
NONE		

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or (f), or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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NONE				Yes	No
NONE				Yes	No

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NONE				
NONE				

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PRIOR UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION NUMBER(S)	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)
60/221,104	July 27, 2000
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint; jointly and each of them severally, the following attorneys with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

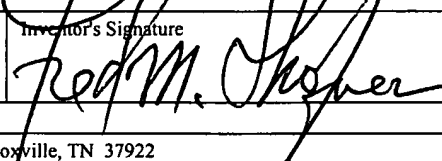
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